



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

May 11, 2025



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence
Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence
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Rectory Office Hours

Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)
Saturdays: 9:00am-1:30pm

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
2:30pm (Spanish), Noon,
and 7:00pm

Daily: 6:30am, 8:15am, and Noon

Saturdays: 8:30am

Federal Holidays: 6:30am and 8:15am

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, Noon,
5:00pm, 7:00pm, and
8:30pm (Spanish)

Low-Gluten Hosts

Those who need low-gluten hosts are asked to come stand at the Sacred Heart statue for Communion.

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:
12:30pm-8:00pm

First Fridays:

9:00am-Noon
7:30pm to 8:30am on Saturday
(All-Night Adoration)

Holy Hours

Sundays: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions

Wednesdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm
Thursdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm
Fridays: 11:00am-11:45am
Saturdays: 3:30pm-4:30pm and
6:30pm-7:30pm

Baptisms

Baptisms are done every Sunday. Please contact the Rectory office to begin making arrangements prior to the child's birth. Registration in the parish is required prior to scheduling. Both parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child.

Marriage

Contact the Rectory office for information and to begin marriage preparation with one of our priests. Marriage preparation is a six-month program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

Visit our Worship menu for more details,
stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/.

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Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Superior of Saint James Convent

Parish Registration

To register with the parish or to update your contact information, call the Rectory office or email them at receptionist@stjamescatholic.org.

The Pope's May Prayer Intention

For working conditions—Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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On The Way

Figures of the Resurrection: Peter

People of faith go overboard. They insist on things that inconvenience life. At least, that's the modern view. Sure, a little bit of religion is acceptable: First Communion, Confirmation, perhaps Christmas and Easter. But anything more than that begins to cut into one's life. So, keep it to a minimum. Now, this delicately limited practice of the faith is kind of like a vaccine: it exposes you to just enough that you're inoculated against the real thing.

"When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea." Peter can't wait. He interrupts his life. We saw a similar thing on Easter morning. When Mary Magdalene reported the empty tomb, Peter and John ran to see it. We're used to seeing grown men run. But in that culture, well, it just wasn't done. But Peter risked that indignity and ran to see for himself.

In most respects, it's easy for us to identify with Peter. He has an unfeigned, intense devotion to Jesus Christ...but he keeps getting in his own way. We understand that all too well. He wants to give himself completely to the Lord and promises undying fidelity. But as Jesus himself says, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, we sympathize. We too want to remain loyal but, relying on our own strength, are unable to do so. We return to Christ with pledges of fidelity...only to fall again into varying degrees of denying Him.

But we probably don't identify with Peter when we see him racing in his robes on Easter morning or jumping into the Sea of Tiberias. We might think these things are just another example of Peter acting rashly. Or we might think them in poor taste. Can't he keep his faith in check a little bit? Sure, the resurrection is important, but let's not get carried away.

Peter's actions are an entirely sensible response to the risen Lord. In fact, the only reasonable reaction. He understood what was at stake and he wasn't going to let something like the sea get in his way. He didn't mind doing something so undignified as running to bring him to Christ's glory.

Indeed, there's something wrong with us if we put limits on what we would do to encounter the risen Christ. Given our sympathy for Peter, we should understand why he runs on Easter morning and leaps into the sea. He wants to restore that relationship that means so much to him. Or, rather, he wants our Lord to restore it. He intuitively and accurately that Jesus' resurrection also means the restoration of his friendship with him. The risen Christ can help him get out of his own way.

Peter's holy impetuosity is rewarded. Jesus asks him three times, "Do you love me?" It is the opportunity for him to be restored to friendship with Christ, to atone in some small way for his threefold denial. He ran and leapt for just this purpose. That is what the risen Christ should mean for us as well: the opportunity to be restored. If only we imitate Peter's eagerness and holy impatience to see the risen Christ.

Peter's alacrity and carelessness are a rebuke to our sluggishness and safetyism. Yes, we want Christ...but on our own schedule. You know, when the soccer game's over. Yes, we want Christ...but not at the risk of his disrupting our lives too much. Comfort and convenience reign supreme. The last thing we want is to go overboard, when that's precisely what we need to do.

— Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 10

Mass for Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Margaret Pereira and Catherine Walach

Sunday, May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Joan Herrera

9:00am +Shirley Grayson

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon Theresa and Michael Turnyanszki and family, living and deceased

2:30pm +Cecilia Jimenez and Gert Simoms

7:00pm +Judith Elena Anson

Monday, May 12

SS Nereus and Achilles; St. Pancras

6:30am +Fr. Stephan Dziubyna

8:15am +Cameron Gallegos

Noon Jeff and Laura Hales

Tuesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

6:30am +Rosalie Rotatori

8:15am +Zacharia T. Coipuram and Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

Noon Special Intention

Wednesday, May 14

St. Matthias

6:30am +Bohdan Fetsatchyn

8:15am +Margaret McDonald

Noon +Ann Magil

Thursday, May 15

St. Isidore

6:30am +Kenan Kreiner

8:15am +Bill Beauchamp

Noon +Richard Aloysius Hart III

Friday, May 16

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

6:30am +Ulana Celevysh

8:15am +Martha and Sid Kollme

Noon +Patrick Burno and Edward Paoella

Saturday, May 17

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:30am +Edel Quinn

Mass for Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Barbara Cox

Sunday, May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Mary Ann Caruso

9:00am Paul David

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Maria Emilia Pereira

2:30pm +Carlos Juventino Perez and Francisco Varela

7:00pm +Annie Corrigan

Today's Readings

First Reading

Acts 13:14, 43-52

"Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached..."

Psalm

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

"We are his people, the sheep of his flock." or "Alleluia."

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

"I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one..."

Gospel

John 10:27-30

"Jesus said: 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and..."

Readings for the Week

Visit bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Thomas Duncan

Rachel Noonan

Joyce Babiak

Roberta Dunn

Esther Olivos

Beatriz Basso

Clare Dunne

Carter Parry

Cory Bautista

Katherine Garren

Colman Rowan

Mary Ellen Blodgett

Anthony L. Gerena

BJ Salinas

Betty Brunton

Silvia Guevara

Kathleen Seroskie

Patricia Cavasina

Scott Herman

Mary Ann Stasik

Jane C. Checkan

Laura Lareau

Robyn Stewart

Chloe Clagg

Yolanda Machiado

Kathy Thomas

Brendan Collins

Jose G. Martinez

Lauren Vinci

Gene Columbo

Mildred Melmer

Liv Wash

Grace Coipuram

Julie Neil

Anne Marie Willis

Mona Demien

Gloria Mora

Richard Ziegler

Regina DePalma

the deceased of our parish family

John Michael O'Brien

Joan O'Connor

Lonnie Jean Patch

and please pray for all active duty military

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

CPL James Murray, USMC

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

2LT Paul Murray, USA

FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

2LT Finn Roou, USA

COL Jay Hildreth, USA



For changes, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

Saint James Prayer Chain

Become a praying member of the Saint James Prayer Chain. We are dedicated to praying for the intentions of our parish families and their loved ones. For more information, visit the *Saint James Prayer Chain* page under Faith Formation on www.stjamescatholic.org.

- Sign up to be a praying member at <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org.



Parish News

May Parish Speaker Series

“A Heretic, an Emperor, and the God-Man: the Story of the Council of Nicaea”

Guest Speaker: Steve Weidenkopf

Monday, May 19th, at 7:00pm, Monsignor Heller Hall

Steve Weidenkopf is a lecturer and author on church history at the Christendom College Graduate School of Theology. He will speak on the First Council of Nicaea, convened by the Emperor Constantine in 325AD.

Our Hospitality Committee will provide light appetizers and drinks.



Vacation Bible School
July 14-18, 2025 - 9:00am-Noon

Registration Now Open!

\$75-1 Camper
\$110-2 Campers
\$145-3 Campers

Campers:
Rising K through 5

Volunteers Needed:
Adults and
Rising 6th-12th
Graders

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QR code:

Register now through June 6th for Vacation Bible School. Scan the QR code or visit our parish website. Adult and teen volunteers must register as well.

Do you have a child with special needs? We would love to help them join in the fun! Please reach out to Julie Marx, juliemarx14@gmail.com, to discuss options for accommodations.

Parish News (Continued)

SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART
THURSDAY, MAY 15TH
5:00PM-7:00PM
MSGR. HELLER HALL
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FEST

Main Menu: Each guest is asked to bring a hearty sandwich cut in 4 to 6 pieces to share.

Chips will be provided along with strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Activity: Trivia Game

Bring \$5 to help cover costs.

RSVP by May 12th, to one of the following:

- Susan at jacksonsusan765@gmail.com or
- Kathleen at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com

Life Corner

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla is a powerful patron for pregnant and parenting mothers. As a physician, wife, and mother, she experienced the challenges of a serious medical diagnosis during pregnancy. She died in 1962 and was canonized on May 16, 2004, by Pope Saint John Paul II.



Learn more about St. Gianna by visiting YouTube and search for *St. Gianna Beretta Molla HD* (3.20 minute video).



Holy Spirit Novena

Saint James will prepare for Pentecost on Sunday, June 8th, by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts beginning on **Friday, May 30th, through Saturday, June 7th**. Daily emails will be sent to those who have signed up for Father Scalia's email communications.

You will also be able to pray the daily Novena at bit.ly/HolySpirit7GiftsNovena.

Happy Mother's Day

TO ALL MOTHERS AND
TO OUR BLESSED
MOTHER MARY

*"Intense love does not measure,
it just gives." St. Mother Teresa*

*There is no job harder than being a mother.
For this reason, it is important that we keep
our mothers in our prayers on a daily basis,
especially on Mother's Day.*

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



Summer Office Hours starting May 19th
Monday through Friday
9:30am-Noon or by appointment

830 W. Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 | 703-533-1182 x104 | Email: religioused@saintjameschool.org

Parish News (Continued)

Saint James Parish Library

913 Park Avenue



Visit us before or after Mass

Next Sunday, May 18th

1st & 3rd Sundays 10:00am-2:00pm



Come check out our **NEW** children's books

IHM Sisters Jubilee Celebration

On **Sunday, May 18th**, at the **noon Mass**, we will celebrate the Jubilee for three of our IHM Sisters: Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, Sister Elizabeth A. Goltman, and Sister Helen Dolores Gilroy. Following Mass, we will have a reception in Monsignor Heller Hall. We hope you will join us as the Sisters renew their vows and continue serving the Lord and our community. We are so blessed to have them and the rest of the IHM Sisters.

Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, celebrates 50 years in her religious order. She is the Superior of the Saint James Convent as well as the Director of our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) and has been at Saint James since 2013. Her first profession of vows was June 21, 1975, and her final profession was June 24, 1980.

Sister Elizabeth A. Goltman, IHM, celebrates 60 years in her religious order. She is a math teacher at Bishop O'Connell High School and now resides at Saint James. She moved to the convent last summer. Her first profession of vows was 1965, and her final profession was in 1970.

Sister Helen Dolores Gilroy, IHM, celebrates 70 years in her religious order and celebrated her 90th birthday in September. She still serves as an office assistant at our parish school and has been there for 13 years. Her first profession of vows was in 1955, and her final profession was in 1960.




SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

WORKCAMP 2025 UPCOMING MEETINGS

JUNE 21-27

MAY 18 (SUNDAY)
8:15PM
IN THE PARISH HOUSE

MAY 24 (SATURDAY)
TOOL TRAINING

MAY 31-JUNE 1
(SATURDAY & SUNDAY)
BUCKET DROP FUNDRAISER

Saint James Bulletin Notices

Summer reminders

With summer approaching, there will be early submission dates in June and July. Visit our bulletin page on our website for details.

Please feel free to contact Tina Doak via phone or email at 703-532-8815 or communications@stjamescatholic.org if you have any questions or need assistance.



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Serving Our Community

June 1st Blood Drive

Thank you to all the blood donors who continue to make our quarterly blood drives so successful. Your acts of charity help INOVA replenish its low blood supply, shared with all area hospitals to save the lives of patients in need. **Did you know that your single blood donation could save or improve the lives of two or more persons in need?** The INOVA doctors, medical staff, and patients are very grateful to you for this “Gift of Life.”



The Knights of Columbus welcomes all donors to our next blood drive on **Sunday, June 1st, from 8:30am-2:30pm** at the Arlington Knights of Columbus, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington.

We hope returning donors and any new donors join us in June.

Schedule an appointment one of three ways:

- **Call** 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 6216
- **Call or email** Bob Muschamp with your preferred time, 703-489-2856 or bobpatmuschamp@yahoo.com
- **Visit** <https://bit.ly/KOC0601> or scan the QR code



God bless you for what you do for others, as you do it for Him. Call Len Sese, Knight and Saint James parishioner, at 301-793-8184 if you have any questions.

Saint James Charitable Works Update

Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me. (Matthew 25:40)

During our fiscal year through March 31st, Saint James performed the following works of mercy in our community:

- Distributed two bags each of food to 1,557 people through our Food Distribution program
- Provided direct financial assistance totaling \$16,182 to 65 people in need, including rental assistance, help paying bills, and motel nights for the homeless
- Collected and distributed 534 gift cards totaling \$13,350 to six homeless shelters
- Prepared and delivered meals serving 90 people per month for the Christ House shelter
- Provided hot meals weekly to the Falls Church Homeless Shelter
- Collected 10,400 pounds of food for the diocesan St. Lucy Food Project
- Visited and brought cheer to 15 homebound parishioners for Advent
- Provided toys, clothes, and gifts to our “adopted” families in need, including new outreach to Luther Jackson Middle School
- Collected clothes, books, and puzzles for the Seven Corners Children’s Center
- Hosted a party for 40 local seniors to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day
- Collected over 1,750 pounds of hygiene products for the Catholic Charities mobile unit

Hygiene Drive for Catholic Charities



We collected over 1,750 pounds of hygiene products

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Special Parish Needs Collection May 10-11

This weekend is our annual ***Special Parish Needs collection***. This collection is used by our Pastor for the area of greatest need in the parish. All money raised this year will be given to our vibrant Social Outreach Committee to continue its work on behalf of our parishioners and the broader Falls Church community.

From the time of its founding in 1892, Saint James Catholic Church has always attended to the needs of the poor and suffering. Our Social Outreach Committee puts into action the Corporal Works of Mercy through food, clothing, and personal hygiene donations, monthly Food Distribution, supporting various disaster reliefs, supporting a local homeless shelter in the winter months, and yearly collection of Lenten and Advent gift cards to assist local shelters.



Members of our Social Outreach Committee with Father Scalia.

To learn more about our Social Outreach Committee and ways you can help or volunteer, visit their web page under the *Service & Fellowship > Parish Groups* menu, stjamescatholic.org/parish-groups/social-outreach.

To make a one-time gift via Faith Direct, visit membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/28720. Thank you for your support.



Diocesan Retired Priests Collection May 17-18

Next weekend there will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church. Currently there are approximately 200 priests, 26 are retired and 17 who will retire in the next 10 years.

Many elder religious worked for years for little to no pay, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare.



Please consider donating to this important collection at membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1486. Thank you for your kind support!

Parish Calendar

Monday, May 12

7:00pm-8:15pm	High School Theology	Parish House
7:00pm-9:00pm	Adult Confirmation Class	Knecht Conference Room

Tuesday, May 13

7:00am-7:45am	Last week for PREP classes Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
10:00am-11:30am	Well-Read Mom Book Group	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House

Wednesday, May 14

10:00am-11:30am	No Confessions Women's Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-6:30pm	Adoration ends early	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Spanish PREP First Penance	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House

Thursday, May 15

9:30am-11:45am	Co-ed Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
5:00pm-7:00pm	Seniors Young at Heart (see page 5)	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Friday, May 16


11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Study Group	Parish House

Saturday, May 17

10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall


Sunday, May 18

10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library open (see page 6)	Parish House
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm-6:45pm	Lay Dominicans Evening Prayer	Parish House
8:00pm-9:00pm	WorkCamp Meeting	Parish House



3rd Annual
**EUCCHARISTIC
PROCESSION**
in Our Nation's Capital

SATURDAY MAY 17, 2025
9:30am - 12:00pm




You are invited to participate in the Catholic Information Center's 3rd Annual Eucharistic Procession in D.C. next **Saturday, May 17th, 9:30am-12:00pm.**

The parking garage at 1501 K Street NW will open at 7:00am for a flat rate of \$10. The entrance is in the alley that separates the CIC building from the Hilton/CVS next door and connects K and L Streets. The closest Metro stations are McPherson Square and Farragut North.

View the full details and RSVP at www.cicdc.org/procession.